

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

PATENT

MAT-8158US



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. Noguchi et al.

: Art Unit: 3751

Serial No.: 09/894,704

: Examiner: R. Fetsuga

Filed: June 28, 2001

FOR: WATER SHOWER APPARATUS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

Japanese Reference JP8 -280567 and JP8-280568 are not in the English language, but English abstracts thereof are attached to the copies of the references submitted herewith.

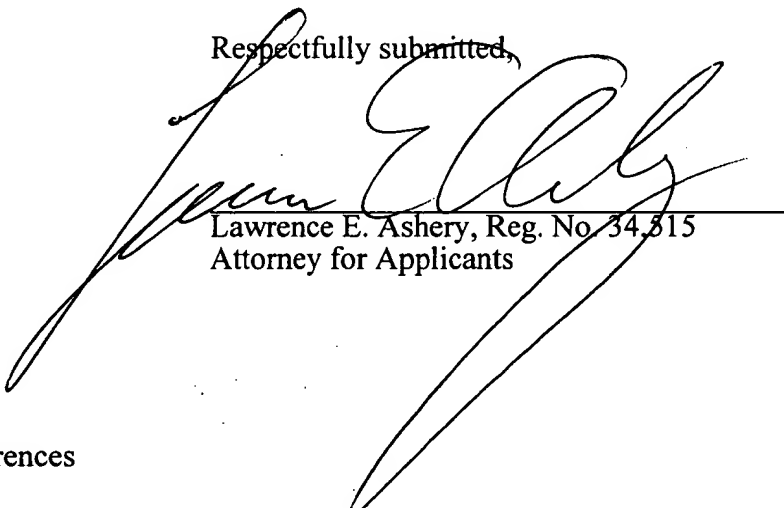
The Japanese Reference described as Sanyo Web Site Information is not in the English language, but a partial English translation is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

RECEIVED
JUL 10 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

7/15/02
#9

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,815
Attorney for Applicants

Enclosures:

PTO Form 1449

Copy of (3) References

Check

Dated: June 13, 2002

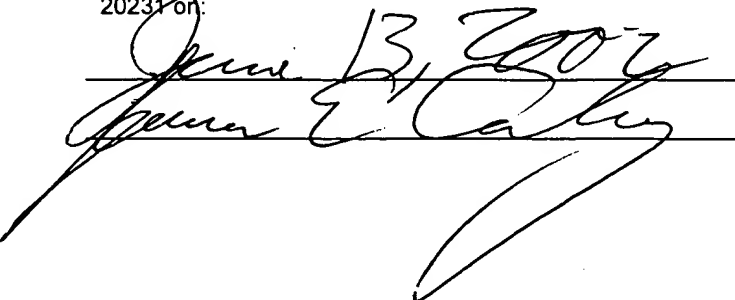
P.O. Box 980

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980

(610) 407-0700

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 or:


June 13, 2002
Lawrence E. Ashery